

Docket - 03-104 BPL

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I would like to enter my feelings on the Broadband over Power Lines.

I request your NO vote on the proposition.

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In addition, the reception of Shortwave Broadcast stations would be made difficult or impossible to listen to. Many others and I depend on the Radio Canada International, BBC, Radio Netherlands International and Deutsche Welle (from Germany) Shortwave Broadcasts for our news reports and world happenings to get another view on what is really happening in the world.

Please remember in your decision that once you put the plug in the wall, it is not easily removed! Unless the vendors would agree to remove the technology from any area where interference is encountered, at their cost, this is not a viable technology.

I therefore ask you to vote no on the proposed BPL agenda and preserve the High Frequency Spectrum from further electronic noise pollution.

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